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Overview of Information on Certain Illegal Aliens Arrested in the United States, United States General Accountability Office, May 2005

- The United States General Accountability Office studied the criminal histories of 55,322 illegal aliens incarcerated in federal and state prisons and county jails in 2003.
- The criminal history study focused on how many times the illegal aliens had been arrested; what the arrests were for and in what states the arrests occurred.
- The results of the study are as follows:
 - They were arrested at least a total of 459,614 times, averaging about 8 arrests per illegal alien.
 - Nearly all had more than 1 arrest.
 - 38 percent (about 21,000) had between 2 and 5 arrests.
 - 32 percent (about 18,000) had between 6 and 10 arrests.
 - 26 percent (about 15,000) had 11 or more arrests.
 - The 55,322 illegal aliens were arrested for a total of about 700,000 criminal offenses, averaging about 13 offenses per illegal alien. One arrest incident may include multiple offenses, a fact that explains why there are nearly one and half times more offenses than arrests.
 - Almost all of these illegal aliens were arrested for more than 1 offense.
 - Slightly more than half of the 55,322 illegal aliens had between 2 and 10 offenses.
 - About 45 percent of all offenses were drug or immigration offenses.
 - About 15 percent were property-related offenses such as burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and property damage.
 - About 12 percent were for violent offenses such as murder, robbery, assault, and sex-related crimes.
 - The balance was for such other offenses as traffic violations, including driving under the influence; fraud—including forgery and counterfeiting; weapons violations; and obstruction of justice.